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In re Patent Application of:  
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For: METHOD AND INSTRUMENTATION FOR  
OSTEOCHONDRAL REPAIR USING  
SYNTHETIC IMPLANTS

Examiner: D. H. Willse

**AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

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Dear Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the final Office Action dated December 20, 2006, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 4 of this paper.